



South Carolina **Talking Book Services**



**Talking Book Services functions
as a regional library of the
National Library for the Blind
and Physically Handicapped.**

**It is administered entirely by
the South Carolina State Library.**

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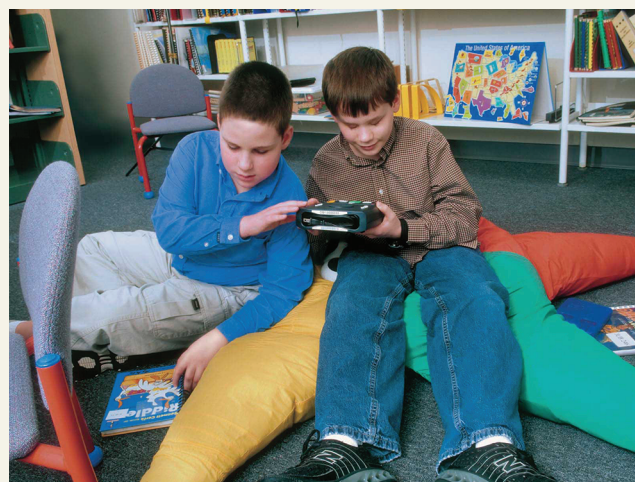
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**THERE'S MORE THAN ONE
WAY TO READ A BOOK!**

Free library services for those who
cannot read a printed book due to
visual or physical limitations.



What is Talking Book Services?

Talking Book Services is a free library service for anyone who has a visual or physical impairment that prevents them from reading normal print books.

That all may read...

Who can use it?

Any resident of South Carolina who is blind, visually impaired, physically unable to hold or turn pages in a book, or who has an organic reading disability such as dyslexia. South Carolina agencies providing service to those who have such disabilities are also eligible.

How do I apply?

You must submit a completed application signed by a certifying authority such as a physician, licensed social worker, therapist, etc. Applications are available at the Talking Book Services website and local public libraries.

What is available?

- Fiction and non-fiction including popular authors, bestsellers, biographies, etc. All are available in digital audio, large print, or braille.
- Descriptive (audio descriptions of action, costumes, etc.) videos on DVD.
- Popular magazines in large print and audio.
- Free equipment for playing audio (necessary because of specialized encryption).

- In-house assistive technology such as magnifiers and text to speech devices.
- Toll-free phone number and access to staff 5 days a week.

What about children?

The same types of materials are available for children as for adults but at younger reading levels. We also encourage children to participate in local library summer reading clubs using our materials.

How are materials and equipment delivered?

All materials are sent via the U.S. Postal Service as free matter for the blind and physically handicapped. No postage is required. Books are loaned for 30 days and videos for 5 days. All equipment is kept for the duration of service. No fines or fees are ever charged.

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